## Claims

- [c1] We claim: A method to identify storage containers that require some action to be executed wherein the containers may have been stored or held in some location that is not required to be known to any information system, the said storage containers having a receiver capable of detecting a communication signal that is delivered to an associated decoder that uniquely identifies each individual container, the decoder capable of activating a action signaling means on the individual container, and a transmitting system generating said communication signal to direct an action.
  - 1). A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the transmitter and receiver communication signal uses a radio frequency for receiver activation..
  - 2). A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the transmitter and receiver communication signal uses a light for receiver activation.
  - 3). A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the receiver decoder id is additionally connected to a transmitter and the purpose of the transmitter is to provide a signal which will allow the location of the container.
  - 4). A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the receiver

decoder id is additionally connected to a transmitter and the purpose of the transmitter is to provide an action acknowledgement signal.